

2015 WDYL Parent/Guardian Responsibilities & Code of Ethics

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians:

Athletes and coaches will not be able to perform at their best if parents do not have a clear understanding of the philosophies of WDYL. The following is a guideline that the WDYL Board of Directors encourages you to follow:

- ★ **Don't be a coach, be a parent.** As a parent, your job is to offer encouragement and positive reinforcement. A sure way to dampen your child's enthusiasm is with constant criticism. Understand the daily pressures a child faces. Youth athletics should be an outlet and place for a player to have fun. Encourage your child and allow him or her to have a good time.
- ★ **Support your coaches.** Parents should support, not knock the coaching staff. Remember, all of our coaches are volunteers. It is inappropriate for a parent to coach a player who is on the field or contradict the instructions of a coach. This devalues the coach and confuses the players.
- ★ **Be a good sport.** Remember that your child learns more from your actions than your words. Practice good sportsmanship by being respectful to players, parents, officials and coaches on both teams. Parents should not embarrass their child by calling attention to themselves through loud or rude behavior.
Game and WDYL officials have the authority to have unruly spectators removed from the field and/or complex.
- ★ **Be on time.** Players that are late or absent to practices may lose playing time in games. Parents should help their children realize that belonging to a team requires commitment. Regular attendance and being prepared are necessary for the team to function smoothly.
- ★ **Take care of our facility.** The City of Wildwood has graciously allowed us to utilize their complex. Therefore, we respectfully request that you assist us in keeping the complex clean and free from trash and debris. Please make sure you and your children place all refuse/trash into the receptacles provided.
- ★ **Alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed in the complex before, during or after any practice, game or any other time.**
- ★ **Contact your Board.** If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please feel free to contact any member of your Board of Directors. For a complete list of Board Members, please visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/wildwooddixieyouthleague

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Dated: _____, 2015